

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

- Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
 - Do not guess at the information. An answer of, "Unknown," is more helpful.
 - Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.
- Thank You.

Type of Memorial

Monument *with* Sculpture Monument with Cannon
 Monument without Sculpture Historical Marker Plaque

Affiliation

G.A.R. (Post Name & No. J. A. DAVIS # 98) M.O.L.L.U.S.
 W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. _____) Other Allied Order
 SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____) (Please describe below)
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
 Other: _____

Original Dedication Date 1869 Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the first dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.

Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at:
 Street/Road address or site location County government Square
 City/Village Freeport Township FREEPORT County Stephenson

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...

Name County of Stephenson Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address 50 W Douglas St.
 City Freeport State IL Zip Code 60308
 Contact Person Chris Isbell Telephone (815) 235-5277

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)... N/A

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) JOLIE Marble

Material of the Sculpture = ___ Stone ___ Concrete Metal ___ Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) ZINC
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" hollow

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Bronze

Material of Cannon = ___ Bronze ___ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
 Markings on muzzle = _____
 Markings on Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____
 Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? ___ If so, describe _____

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points
 Monument or Base: Height 83' Width 12' Depth 12' or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height 8' Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter _____

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!

Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)
 Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found See photos

The "Dedication Text" is formed: ___ cut into material raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.
TO THE HEROIC DEAD OF STEPHENSON COUNTY 1861-1865
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Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square" | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | _____ |

General Vicinity

___ Rural (low population, open land)
___ Town

___ Suburban (residential, near city)
[checked] Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

___ Industrial ___ Commercial
[checked] Street/Roadside within 20 feet ___ Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
___ Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors)
___ Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)
Any other significant environmental factor _____

Condition Information

Structural Condition (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments with Sculpture, and Monuments without Sculpture -

including the base for Monuments with Cannon. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

Table with 2 columns: Question and two columns for Sculpture and Base. Includes questions like 'If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?' and 'Any evidence of structural instability?'.

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

Table with 2 columns: Question and two columns for Sculpture and Base. Includes items like 'Black crusting', 'White crusting', and 'Spalling of stone'.

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? ___ Yes [checked] No ___ Unable to tell

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? ___ Yes No ___ Unable to determine
 If known, identify type of coating.

___ Gilded ___ Painted ___ Varnished ___ Waxed ___ Unable to determine

Is the coating in good condition? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Unable to determine

Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?

Well maintained ___ Would benefit from treatment ___ In urgent need of treatment ___ Unable to determine

Overall Description

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on).

Triangular monument was 12' x 93'. The top 8' was a zinc statue of Victory. Statue was struck by lightning 12-1-1960. Remaining structure intact. Mid-way up monument are 4 figures - infantry, cavalry, sailor & artilleryman. 8 bronze tables surround the 4 sides listing war dead. Base surrounded by 5' iron fence of interlocking torch designs.

Supplemental Background Information

In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Thank you.

Inspector Identification


Date of On-site Survey 12-1-2009

Your Name Gregory Carter

Address 103 26th St.

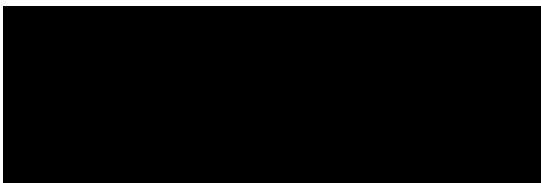
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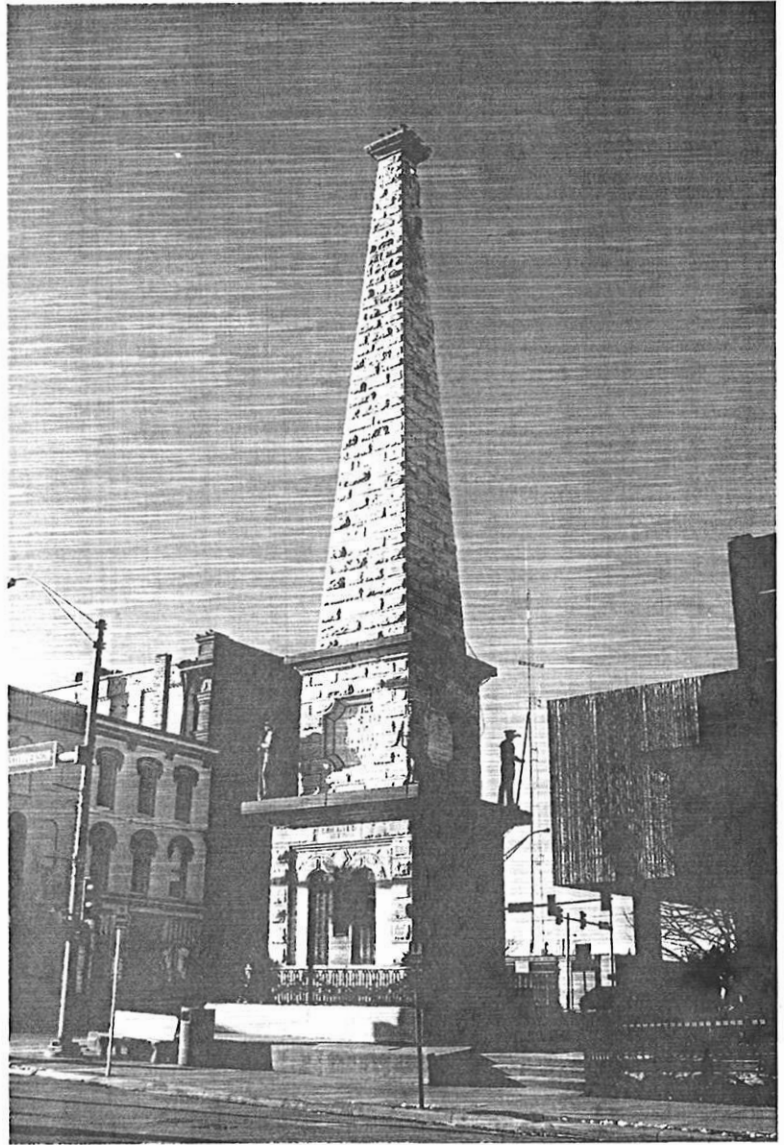
Please send this completed form to:

Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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 National Civil War Memorials Committee



1868 Stephenson County G.A.R. Monument
Courthouse Grounds
Freeport, IL



The Stephenson County court house and soldiers' monument about 1896 showing full detail of ironwork and trim as well large clock tower.

Fowler, Adelson History of Stephenson County 1905

ruins and the Knowlton family donated a number of gavels made from these historic timbers to such officials as the chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

The "Daily Democrat" of December 20, 1887, reports that a dynamite bomb was discovered on the courthouse steps. Deputy Sheriff Brubaker was brave enough to handle it and locked it up for safekeeping. Upon examination, it was found to be not a bomb but a regular dynamite charge, and was considered to be a prank.

The clock in the dome weighed 2,000 pounds and its pendulum was eight and one half feet long. It was built by Seth Thomas and Sons and placed in the dome by A. W. Ford. The 1,850-pound bell struck the hours for many years. The clock began to wear out about 1913 and \$700 was spent in rebuilding it. In 1915 one of the 500-pound weights crashed through two floors of the building. Eight years later the clock went on a spree and inconvenienced the whole town. Meals were cooked ahead of time, and people were waiting for the

courtroom and one architect suggested it might be the coal stoves used to heat the building, so in 1910 a steam heating plant was installed. In 1910, \$10,000 was spent for new walls in the circuit courtroom remodeling the second floor and adding a new wing to the building. In 1926 the Board of Supervisors voted to build wings on either side of the structure at a cost of \$87,336 but there was so much opposition that the plan was abandoned. The excavations were refilled and trees replanted.

In 1934 the clock tower was replaced with a smaller colonial style tower which served until it was removed in 1965 because the metal exterior had rusted badly due to neglect.

Remodeling plans were turned down by the voters in 1956, and again in 1960 a new courthouse combination was defeated. In 1965 the second clock tower was torn down. Some discussion was had that year of constructing a new building in two parts, the first in front of the present structure which was

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Violent Electrical Storm Ruins Statue, Starts Fires

Lightning decapitated a statue of a Civil War soldier atop a 90-foot-high Freeport monument Saturday afternoon during a violent electrical and rain storm that lashed the Rockford area and caused widespread damage. A hall fell in Rockford and some nearby areas, but no damage was reported. Most of the hailstones

were tiny. Heavy rainfall was brief here, and the Greater Rockford Airport weather bureau reported a 3/4 of an inch as the vicious storm cut an angular swath across the city. In Rockford, three homes and the Rockford Peerless Furniture Co. plant, 1936 15th St., were struck by lightning. A bolt also

damaged a propane gas building in the Central Illinois Electric and Gas Co. yard, S. Ave. and Preston St. Numerous traffic accidents were reported throughout the area, several involving injuries. Some power lines were broken, causing temporary service cuts here. Freeport and Genoa homes were

damaged as brilliant flashes of lightning lit the sky, starting at 4:15 p.m. At Freeport, a bolt struck a towering Civil War monument on the courthouse square and tore off the head off the pottery clay statue. Witnesses said it appeared as though the head "exploded." Pieces of the statue, erected nearly 100 years ago, fell to the ground on three sides of the base of the monument, wrecking eight wooden benches, occupied only minutes earlier by Saturday afternoon shoppers.

Escape Debris
Freeport authorities said no one was injured by falling debris. Those standing on the square had fled minutes before lightning hit the statue. At the same time, all fuses blew out in the box alarm control of the Freeport central fire station, about a block west of the courthouse.

Immediately after the storm struck Rockford, lightning hit a 440-volt secondary wire leading to the propane gas building in the Central Illinois Electric and Gas Co. yard at 11 Sport Elm St. The bolt shorted out a riser leading to a compressor control box in the building. Firemen stood by as the dancing wire alternately flared like

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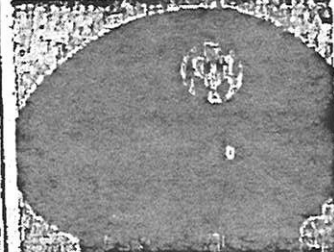
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Nicaragua, which has strained relations with Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's government, charged that the airliner was the real target of the Cuban planes.

Changed Course

The American pilot of the airliner changed course quickly when he saw the cargo plane ahead being forced down by the Cuban fighters.

The planes were flying a short distance from each other on the Miami-Managua route, which passes over Cuba.

Mrs. Somosa is the wife of Gen. Anastasio Somosa, chief of the Nicaraguan army. He is a brother of Nicaragua's president, Luis Somosa.

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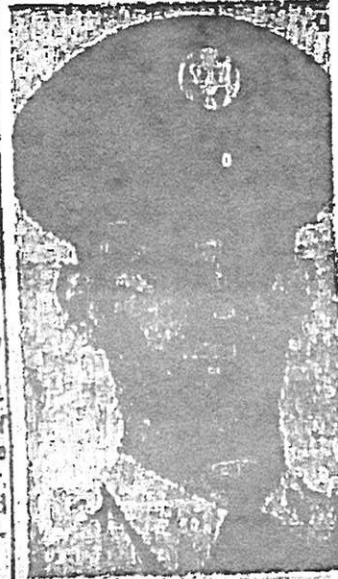
Alabama State Patrolman Charles Glascock said the accident occurred only 150 feet from the entrance to Gunter Air Force Base, less than a mile from the Montgomery city limits.

Jones, a 1968 East High graduate, was honored as "Airman of the Month" at the Alabama base last March and received a trophy. Jones was due to be discharged from the Air Force next February.

Patrolman Glascock said Jones lost control of the car on a long curve on U.S. 211 near his base. The car crossed over the median of the four-lane highway into the opposite lane, skidded broadside, and veered back into the regular lane before plunging from a culvert into a creek.

Glascock said Jones and Lindsay were returning to base when the crash occurred about 5 a.m.

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Firemen stood by as the dangling wire alternately sizzled like a firecracker and glowed like a giant cutting torch in the cloud-darkened yard. Metal near the riser melted from the intense heat generated by the arcing wire.

Homes Struck

Three homes in the 1300 block of S. 5th St. were struck by a lightning bolt about the same time as the fire department braced itself to knower several minor calls for downed wires.

Lightning ripped into the roof of the Perry Arquid home, 1313 S. 5th St., tearing three gaping holes. At the same time, lightning knocked out and started a fire in a television set in the Edwin Nicholson home, 1305 S. 5th St. The same bolt knocked over a tree which fell against the porch roof of the home of Seth Nelson, 1301 S. 5th St.

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Deny Incident

(In Havana, Cuban authorities denied all knowledge of the incident.)

The American airliner pilot, who was not immediately identified, told Nicaraguan authorities he returned to Miami after the incident and took a route to Managua that avoided Cuba.

Observers here said the Cuban military planes had attempted to intercept the passenger plane instead of the cargo plane. Nicaragua and Cuba have had strained relations for some time over Nicaraguan charges that Cuba is supplying rebels in Nicaragua.

Lanica, the Nicaraguan airline, and the government are preparing strong protests to Cuba.

They charged Castro's government with "an act of piracy which violates the international agreements and threatens the lives of passengers."

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The victim's father, a Rhombert Fur Co. salesman, was traveling for the firm when Mrs. Jones received "air force" notification about 3 p.m.

Survivors include his parents; two brothers, David, 20, and Steven, 14, both at home; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gaskell, Rockford, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones, Dubuque, Iowa.

Cuban Executed As Assassin

HAVANA (UPI) — One of 12 Cubans convicted of attempting to assassinate an anti-American radio commentator, was executed Saturday by a firing squad at La Cabana fortress.



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Three other Big Ten teams showed they will be very much in the running as they triumphed by top-heavy scores. Wisconsin whipped Marquette, 23-0, while Minnesota ran Indiana out of the stadium, 42-0, and Illinois won easily, 21-0, over an outgunned West Virginia squad.

Renewing their traditional rivalry, Michigan State and Illinois played the only close Big Ten contest of the day, with the Spartans emerging triumphant, 14-17.

(Details in sports section).

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Fuses Knocked Out

Several electrical company branch line fuses were temporarily knocked out by the storm but no large areas were deprived of power. Some service wires leading from street lines to private homes were knocked down in scattered sections of the city.

Partly cloudy skies and cooler weather are expected today. The high is to be near 62 and the low tonight near 40.

Saturday morning, the coldest reading of the season was recorded when the temperature dipped to 40. However under sunny skies the mercury climbed to 60.

'61 VFW MEET REMAINS HERE

Opposition Fades

Chicago opposition faded Saturday and Rockford again was assured of the 1961 state Veterans

to, as blistering as subscriber's intrusions earlier this week.

Manley likewise anything. "I am my speech (to Wednesday," he said.

Ranking American hand to greet Mac Assistant Secretary European affairs.)

Escaped Caught

ARLINGTON, Va. — lucky state police day night capture vict Eugene Robert who held seven and stole four vehicles three days of freedom.

State police said recaptured as

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